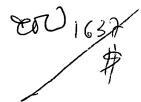


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed February 22, 2005, Applicant elects without traverse Species VII namely, Claims 13-14 drawn to a method for the qualitative or quantitative determination of an analyte. Species VII is Compound 1b with the second Z group. Please note that Claim 12 was canceled in the Amendment filed on September 25, 2003.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in this restriction requirement.

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An early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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